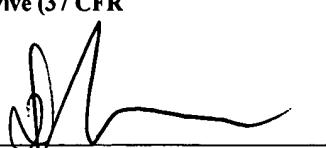


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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2004/018178	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE DECEMBER 7, 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED DECEMBER 22, 2003
TITLE OF INVENTION MEDICAL TUBE AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US YAMADA et al.		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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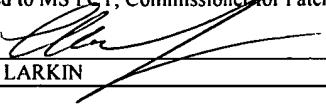
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- 2 sheets of formal drawings
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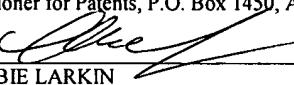
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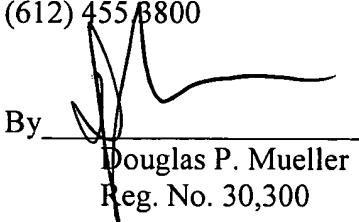
Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application, applicant respectfully requests that Figure 2B be printed on the front page of the published application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Douglas P. Mueller (Reg. No. 30,300), at (612)455.3804.

Respectfully submitted,

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“Amendment of the claims under Article 19(1) (Rule 46)”

Re: International Application No. PCT/JP2004/018178  
International Filing Date: 7 December 2004  
Applicant: I.S.T CORPORATION  
Agent: IKEUCHI SATO & PARTNER PATENT ATTORNEYS  
Our Ref.: H2283-01

Dear Sir:

The Applicant, who received the International Search Report relating to the above-identified International Application transmitted on 8 February 2005, hereby files amendment under Article 19(1) as in the attached sheets.

That is, claims 1, 5, 7, 9 and 10 are amended and claims 2-4, 6 and 8 are retained unchanged.

The Applicant also files as attached herewith a brief statement explaining the amendment and indicating any impact the amendment might have on the description or the drawings.

Sincerely yours,



IKEUCHI SATO & PARTNER PATENT ATTORNEYS  
Representative Partner  
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(1) Amendment under Article 19(1)	2 sheets
(2) Brief Statement	1 sheet